



HEN GROWER OF THE YEAR...Mike and Kristy Smith, owners of Smith Poultry Farm, received this award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The award was sponsored by Wayne Farms LLC. The farm is located near the Ino Community, and it produces approximately 5 million hatching eggs yearly.



PULLET GROWER OF THE YEAR...Wiley and Ann Vann, owners of Shore Creek Farm, received this award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The award was sponsored by Wayne Farms LLC. The Vanns started in the poultry business in 1998. They are assisted on the farm by their nephew, Zack Ward.



BROILER GROWER OF THE YEAR...Jason and Marsha Farris, owners of Twin Oaks Farm, received this award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The award was sponsored by Wayne Farms LLC. The farm is located in the New Haven community. Jason and Marsha have been growing broilers since April 2001.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION WINNER...The Gilmer Grant Farm received this award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The award was presented to Gilmer and Shirley Grant by Michael McCart, president of Coffee County's Cattlemen's Association.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION WINNER...The B2 Angus Farm, owned by Glen Barlow, received this award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The award was presented by Michael McCart, president of Coffee County's Cattlemen's Association.



BROILER PRODUCER OF THE YEAR...The Steve Wyrosdick Farm, owned by Steve and Laura Wyrosdick, received this award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The award was sponsored by Pilgrim's Pride. The farm is located in the Basin community. It is a two-house farm which was retrofitted in 2002.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION WINNER...The McLeod Farm, owned by Richard and Kathy McLeod, received this award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The award was presented by Michael McCart, president of Coffee County's Cattlemen's Association.



TREASURE FOREST...The Pittman Family Farm, owned by J.E. Pittman, received the forestry award during the 2004 Coffee County Farm City banquet. The farm has been certified as a Treasure Forest by the Alabama Forestry Planning Committee and as a certified Tree Farm by the American Forestry Foundation. It is located south of Elba along the Pea River. Dan Pressley presented the award to Pittman.

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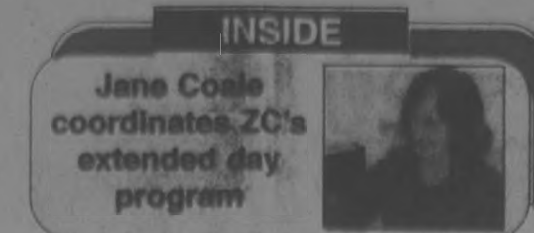
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New Brockton Town Council tables issue regarding change in garbage pickup day

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council worked through a lengthy agenda rather quickly Monday evening, Dec. 6, during the regular monthly meeting of the council.

Mayor Charles Cole began the meeting by notifying council members and those in the audience of a few important upcoming dates. He said the town offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holiday and Friday, Dec. 31, for the New Year's holiday. Also, he said the town's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be Monday, Jan. 17, 2005.

Officer Jerome Cobb, the day-to-day operations manager for the town's police department, presented the monthly police report to council members in which he proposed council members consider having a K-9 dog for the department.

Cobb said he already has a dog that can be trained as a K-9 officer, and he has an officer willing to work with the dog.

Cobb said two benefits of having a K-9 as part of the force are (1) it will help in the continuous fight against drugs, and (2) it is a good public relations tool with children and the community.

"The cost is very minimal," Cobb said. "The biggest expense is purchase and training."

He said both these costs will be covered if the town decides to implement the K-9 program. Cobb said the dog is one he has raised from a puppy, and he has a friend that is a trainer. He said his friend has agreed to train the dog for free.

Council members decided to discuss the issue at the next working group session on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

In regards to the police department, Mayor Cole told council members that he has interviewed one person for the chief's position and plans on interviewing a couple more people. He said he will make a recommendation at the next council meeting.

Council member Richard Driskell wondered if the town is really considering offering the position to someone other than officer Cobb. He said he feels Cobb is "doing the job."

Also, Cole said the town currently has two full-time officers in the 90-days probation period. He said once their 90 days are

up, the head of the department will make a recommendation whether to hire them as permanent employees or not.

"By getting these full-time officers, we can eliminate some part-time," Cole said.

Currently, he said the town only has one or two dependable part-time employees.

In other business, the town council:

* Approved its contract renewal with Enterprise Rescue for emergency medical services.

* Tabled an issue regarding a change in the town's household garbage pickup day. Mayor Cole said Arrow asked that the town change its day from Tuesday to Friday. Council member Vicki Harrison said she doesn't like the idea of the change because it will mean trash piled over the weekend will have to wait a whole week before being picked up.

* Approved a one-time pay raise to town employees for Christmas. Full-time employees will receive \$50 and part-time employees will receive \$25.

* Received a report from Cal Donna Howard regarding the recent Christmas pageants. She said the pageant committee donated \$508 from the pageant to the New Brockton Town Fund which is used for matching funds on grants. Howard was co-chair for the event and Barbara Cole was chairperson.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS...The Town of New Brockton officially entered the holiday season last Saturday, Dec. 4, when citizens gathered downtown for the annual Christmas Parade. The spirit of the holiday was definitely in the air as various parade entrants made their way from the New Brockton Elementary School parking lot to Main Street. On Monday evening, Dec. 6, parade committee chairperson Barbara Herron told New Brockton town council members that it was the best and most organized Christmas parade yet, and she already is looking forward to next year's parade. Above, Miss New Brockton Sonya Hornsby, left, and Jr. Miss New Brockton Whitney Donaldson, right, help deliver holiday cheer to the many, many onlookers. Additional scenes from the parade can be found on Page 13.

Mouth watering recipes enjoyed during tasting tea

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Good food and artistry took center stage Monday evening, Dec. 6, at the community room of the county complex in New Brockton when the Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System sponsored a Recipe and Nature Crafts Contest and Tasting Tea.

Peggy Stroud, workshop coordinator for the local extension office, said she was well pleased with the response to first time event. She said there were 18 entries for the crafts contest and 19 entries for the recipe contest.

Stroud was also pleased with



A large crowd of tasters enjoyed the dishes prepared for the recipe contest

the number of "tasters" attending the Tasting Tea. She said approximately 60-75 people came to enjoy the wonderful dishes prepared for the recipe contest.

The nature crafts contest was divided into two categories: adult and youth - with first, second and third place winners being named in each category. Judges for the nature crafts contest were Marty Harrelson, Donna Clark and Sarah Hutchinson.

The recipe contest also revealed a first, second and third place winner, and many of the local cooks shared their recipes with those attending the

Tasting Tea.

The judges for the recipe contest were Karen Callen, Elsie Hilton and Sam Windham.

Stroud said the event was filled with variety with many different types of entries for the contests. She also said she was pleased to see people from all over the county attend the event.

**** Note:** Photos of the contest winners can be found on Page 14 of this edition of The Elba Clipper.

New Brockton town officials urge citizens to follow trash pickup rules

The New Brockton Town Council urged citizens Monday evening, Dec. 6, during its regular monthly meeting to adhere to rules and regulations regarding trash pickup (leaves, limbs, straw, etc. and/or landfill).

Mayor Charles Cole said some residents had expressed concern regarding trash pickup. He said those residents wanted to know why their trash had not been picked up, and the answer is that trash is not being properly separated.

According to street department officials, there are two kinds of trash picked up by the town: leave and limbs and landfill. (Household garbage pickup is handled by Arrow in the Town of New Brockton). These two types of trash must be separated because they go to two different places.

Leaves, grass and pine straw must be bagged. Limbs cannot exceed 4" in diameter and 4' in length.

Landfill trash consists of items such as metal, wood,

glass, plastic and old appliances. It is also picked up at a separate time from leave and limb trash (Wednesday only).

Cole said he and street department officials have been looking into the trash matters, and there is a list of residences on file at the town hall office of those not separating their trash properly. He said council members should check that list if someone from their district complains about trash pickup.

All officials agreed that until the people do what they are supposed to do by separating the trash, the town can not do what it is supposed to do.

Also during Monday evening's meeting, the street department supervisor presented council members with a proposed list for trash pickup.

Council members previously agreed that a specific order of pickup needed to be established before the town begins charging

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Area Happenings

THE CHOCTAWHATCHEE, PEA AND YELLOW RIVERS Clean Water Partnership Steering Committee and the Choctawhatchee River Basin Committee will meet jointly Thursday, Dec. 9, from 2-4 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center, located on Highway 84 in New Brockton, Ala. The Watershed Management Plan that is being developed for these basins will be discussed at this meeting. Anyone interested in the future of the watershed is invited to come.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host a Sweet Sensations Christmas Bake-Off and Tasting Tea Sunday, Dec. 12. Categories of entry will be cakes, pies, candies and cookies. A winner will be named in each category as well as an overall winner. Judging for the bake-off will be held Saturday, Dec. 11. The Chamber's Tasting Tea will be Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., where everyone will have an opportunity to taste the prize winning desserts along with a lot of other goodies and door prizes. Tickets for the open house can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Bradley's Florist, Tangles and Threads and at the Elba Christmas Festival.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Also, the offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electricity, water, sewer or street. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2355. The garbage schedule will be unchanged.

Coffee County EMS acquires ambulance with City of Elba's help

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Since becoming a non-profit organization, Coffee County EMS employees and board members have been working to maintain operations in a cost effective manner while, at the same time, improving service. Recently, the organization was able to do both - be cost effective and improve service by updating equipment. However, the organization could not do it alone, and it turned to a familiar friend - the City of Elba.

Bill Dean, treasurer of the Coffee County EMS board, said the organization recently acquired a 1994 Chevrolet ambulance with 52,000 miles from the City of Geneva for \$15,000. He said Geneva could only sell the ambulance city to



With the help of the City of Elba, Coffee County EMS recently was able to acquire this ambulance to add to its fleet. Those standing in front of the vehicle include (from left): Jessica Hegwood, Coffee County EMS employee; Freddie Culver, Coffee County EMS employee; Clay Hegwood, Coffee County EMS employee; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Pat Crosby, Coffee County EMS operations manager; and Bill Dean, treasurer of the Coffee County EMS board.

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EDITORIAL

Tis the Season for holiday gifts from the Conservation Department

The Elba Christmas float which shows off the beauty queens to local supporters also showed them off to Enterprise and New Brockton parade watchers this year. In fact the float won the pretty float first prize in Enterprise - or maybe the girls won - you decide. A lot of folks helped prepare that float with their hard work, but the New Seasons Study Club was "in charge" and their members naturally did most of the planning and probably most of the work also. All those who helped are to be commended.

The four lanning of U.S. 84 from Andalusia to Enterprise continues to progress, even though not much activity can be seen right here in Elba. But that is going to change some day. Paving bids were opened last Friday on another stretch of the highway between Opp and Elba. There are two paving contracts out now which will bring the four lane work from the U.S. 331 Bypass in Opp to the Curtis Community. The Highway Department is still dealing with FEMA folks in Washington on right-of-way in Elba, but we think progress is being made.

In what appears to border on pure hate, complaints over the presidential election continue to fester - no explode would be a better word. Four years ago Florida couldn't hush the cries of foul following the Presidential election and this year it is Ohio's problem. Experience has shown that the complaints will never, ever go away. The only silver lining we see there is that it isn't a southern state this time around. However, instead of just calling a state's election officials "dumb," the label has been expanded to cover any one of us slow-witted enough to vote for George W. Bush. Never mind that he got more votes and a larger percentage in 2004 than when he was a presidential unknown in 2000. Well that could be the basis for the complainers - the bigger win highly insulted the anti-Bush folks. Then maybe it is back to the saying, "everyone is dumb but you and me, and I am not so sure about you." When these complaining folks have lost as many election favorites as yours truly, maybe they will finally learn something. That something teaches us that once the election process has run its course, the winner is "our" public servant for the ensuing term of office.

A lot of people continue to ask about the status of the road work on the Troy Highway at the levee. Plans are to do something about the sharp hump at the road passes over the top of the levee. We can't answer that question. It was postponed from the originally announced date while the Corp, the highway department and the contractor worked out more details. We have heard several other start dates, but things are still quiet in that area. Apparently the only sure fire answer would be to see the barricades up and then you will know - it is finally happening.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, investigated the following incidents: two for public intoxication, one for theft of property, one gas drive-off, one breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one burglary, two for harassment, one trespassing, one criminal trespassing, one wreck, two for assault, one dog bite and two for criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: two for public intoxication, one for driving under the influence and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and one for a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOV. 29 - Accident (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Hwy. 189 S (6:53 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near 9396 Hwy. 87 S (8:54 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1154 N. Morrow (10:46 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 30 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 184 County Rd. 150 (8:46 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1 - River stage - 8.77 feet (7:06 a.m.); Disturbance (verbal) reported at 1026 Teresa St. (1:03 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 2 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10795 Hwy. 87 S (3:59 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1681 Caroline St. (7:00 a.m.); River stage - 8.58 feet (7:00 a.m.).

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Holiday shopping at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may seem a bit strange, but here are a few suggestions that might help with gift selection.

Try the new Nature Shop at www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-alabama/shop.cfm for a variety of gift items with an outdoors theme.

One of the most appreciated products available is a lifetime license. A one-time purchase will cover years of hunting or fishing or both. Lifetime licenses

TRASH

residents for the service after the first of the year. Trash pickup will be a \$3 per month charge for each household.

The proposed list is as follows:
Monday: Lee Street, S. John Street, Adam Street, Ross Street, Grant Street, S. Tyler Street, Dawkins Street, Church Street, E. McGowan Street, S. McGowan Street, Metcalf Street and McKinnon Street.

Tuesday: N. John Street, Rowe Bridge Road, Sparks Street, Lee Street, Dawkins Street, King Street, Brock Street, Rainey Street, Metcalf Street, Byrd Mill Road, Powell Road and Grist Mill Road.

Wednesday: Landfill Day (all over town).

Thursday: Railroad Street,

until Feb. 15.

We would like to say a special "Thank You" to the City of Elba and the Chamber of Commerce for the nice farewell dinner and reception. The baskets we received from the Senior Girl Scout Troop were greatly appreciated.

We were overwhelmed by the number of visits, cards, calls, gifts and prayers from our friends. We hope to see you during the Christmas holidays, as we will be home on leave.

The inspirational book given by the Methodist Men's Club was a blessing to read.

Thanks again,
Bryan, Anita, Ashton
and Britt Grimes
and all the members of the

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Mary Alice Blue
Minister Robert Edwards
Rayfield Reynolds
Lela Tyson
Bessie Mullins
Mary E. Holley
Mattie Belcher
Lizzie Tyson
Johnnie Ruth Belcher
Dora Belcher

***DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Clara Wright-Dec. 10
Vernette Purvis-Dec. 10
Kenneth Hardwick-Dec. 10
Tony Kelley-Dec. 11
John Lawrence-Dec. 11

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE DUNCANS - Those

The Hoskins Family to be in concert at Jack Assembly of God December 9th

The Hoskins Family from Springboro, Ohio, will be in concert at Jack Assembly of God on Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m. This Southern Gospel group has been nominated for County Road 208 in the Dove, SGMA, and the Singing News Fan Awards and is best

The Kirklands to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The Kirklands will be in concert at Country Cathedral Assembly of God Friday, December 10, 2004 at 7 p.m. Country Cathedral is located on Hwy 84 about 5 miles east of Opp. Everyone is welcome. A lower offering will be received. For more information please call 334-493-7413.

Happy 1st Birthday Mar'Shawn Fitzpatrick

December 9th

Love,
Mom & Dad

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Pastor: Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Nathan Carroll
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Nathan Carroll
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Pastor: Elsie Phillips-Copes
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Darrell Caldwell
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Tom Seem
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Robert Davis
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Marsha Baxter
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor: E. H. Hill
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Robert Davis
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

DAVIDSON BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Robert Davis
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

"The Christmas Story" to be presented Sunday, December 19th at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

"The Christmas Story", according to the gospel of Matthew and Luke will be presented on Sunday, December 19, 2004, at 5 p.m., at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located in the Pine Level Community, Elba, Ala. The program will be presented by the children, youth, and members of the congregation. Featured soloists during the program include Tiffany Bass, MarySue Ashberry, Kim Hollinghead, and Judson Vaughan.

Schedule of events for December at Elba United Methodist Church

Elba United Methodist Church invites everyone to celebrate the Advent-Christmas Season:
December 12-10:00 a.m. Lighting of the Advent Wreath Morning Worship with Special Music
December 17-19 Live Nativity Scene at the Church
December 19-- 10:00 a.m. Lighting of the Advent Wreath Christmas Cantata-"A New Beginning" by the Chancel Choir
Remember: Every day is a day of Thanksgiving!
"Today is a good day!" Be grateful.

St. Luke United Methodist Church to present 12th annual Drive-Through Live Nativity

St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise invites everyone to their Twelfth Annual Drive-Through Live Nativity. The nine-scene event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. St. Luke United Methodist is located on Heath Street near Enterprise High School. The nine scenes depicting Jesus' birth and the events surrounding it are viewed from cars driving through the church parking lot. Each scene has biblical characters in costume, with scenery and live animals.

"Keyboards & Carols to be presented at FBCE

The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala., will present a concert titled "Keyboards and Carols" featuring a five-piano ensemble, Sunday, December 12, 2004, at 6 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary at 300 West Main Street, Dothan.

The unique Five Piano, Ten Hands concert will feature pianists Angie Glover, Jean Johnson, Beth Nowell, Kim Price, and Cindy Ward. These five accomplished keyboard artists, all well-known in the area, will play a variety of Christmas favorites. Included in the repertoire will be classics such as "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," and "Gesu Bambino." Traditional carols include "Silent Night," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and a virtuosic arrangement of "Ukrainian Bell Carol."

The concert is free to the public. For more information, call 792-5117. Dr. John Fain is pastor.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Elba United Methodist Church

Someone has said that there are three classes of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who have no idea what is happening. Consider pro-football. There are the quarterbacks, coaches, offensive and defensive players who make things happen. There are the ticket holders who watch things happen. Then there are the arm chair experts who have no idea what is happening when the official throws the yellow flag.

Consider Christmas. Each year we make things happen. We plan and prepare for Christmas with packages, cookies, candles, and lights. We also watch Christmas happen. We listen to the stories in sermons and songs.

But some of us misunderstand what is happening at Christmas. The event of God coming into the world eludes us. It often appears too mysterious too unreasonable. God in human flesh? Don't allow your thoughts of Christmas to be just sentimental thoughts or images. The Gospel of John tells us a magnificent mystery - "The Word was made flesh."

If it were otherwise, it would not be necessary to celebrate Christmas year after year. What is happening at Christmas, "This Jesus," says John, "is the One for which all the world has waited." "Sing to the Lord a new song; for He done marvelous things!" May Jesus be allowed the proper place in your life - not just during the Christmas Season but always.

May we continue to pray for men and women in the military.

Ft. Rucker PMOC invites men to attend breakfast meetings

The Fort Rucker Protestant men of the Chapel (PMOC) meetings are free and open to all Protestant men of the area.

All Protestant men, whether they work on post or not, are invited to attend the PMOC breakfasts, scheduled at 7 a.m. every first and third Saturday of the month.

The next two PMOC breakfast meetings will be at 7 a.m. Dec. 4 and 18 in the Spiritual Life Center, bldg. 8939, Main Post Chapel on Red Cloud Road.

Phone 255-9893 for more information.

Informative and entertaining programs are scheduled after each breakfast, including prayer time, project planning, small group study, and Christian fellowship.

According to Mike Powell, PMOC president, PMOC is designed to enhance the spiritual growth of Protestant men, so they can improve their individual or family lives, and "God's Great Love" are also a part of the concert.

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"We conduct local out-reach-

es to the community that involve a man's skill set and interests," added Powell.

Powell continued to say that some of the topics of study include leadership, fatherhood, and being a Christian individual, either as a single person or a husband.

"We seek to provide every man with a 'Battle Buddy' in a Paul or Timothy, mentor or accountability relationship," Powell said.

"Our mission is to prepare Christian warriors to be engaged as leaders in the Army, our nation, and around the world," he concluded.

Elba Church of God to have Barbecue December 11

The Elba Church of God is having a Barbecue Saturday, Dec. 11. Serving will start at 11:00 a.m. Deliver is available to sit in people or people who are at work. Call 897-2989 or 897-1593 to place an order. Pick up our famous barbecue for the holidays. Proceeds go to the church's food bank and community care programs.

formance is Friday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. Other performances are Saturday, December 11th, at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 p.m. For ticket information, please call the studio number, (334) 222-6620.

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LIFESTYLES

Treptau-Randolph wedding held September 25



Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Martin Treptau



Holly Odom as Sugar Plum Fairy partnered by guest dancer Raul Peinado as her Cavalier in Andalusia Ballet's production of The Nutcracker

Andalusia Ballet to present "The Nutcracker"

Andalusia Ballet is celebrating its 22nd season of bringing the art of dance to our area. Under the direction of Mervyn Martin, Andalusia Ballet will present the seasonal Christmas favorite "Nutcracker." The members only preview performance is Friday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. Other performances are Saturday, December 11th, at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 p.m. For ticket information, please call the studio number, (334) 222-6620.

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Miss Kimberly Lynn Randolph and Mr. Christopher Martin Treptau were joined in marriage on September 25, 2004 at an outdoor ceremony held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sears, grandparents of the groom. A reception immediately followed.

The bride chose her daughter, Caitlin Nicole Moncrief, to serve as her maid of honor. The matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Penny Cox, of Opelika, Ala. Miss Sarah Cox of Opelika, Ala. and Miss Destiny Treptau of Pell City, Ala. were flower girls. The groom chose his brother, Mr. Philip Treptau, to serve as his best man. The groomsmen were Mr. Shannon Maniscalco.

Pre-nuptial events included a bridal shower hosted by Mrs. Yolanda Hunsucker and Mrs. Margie Sears and a rehearsal dinner was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sears.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Linda (Tice) Randolph of Pell City, Ala. and Mr. Larry Randolph of N. Huntingdon, Pa. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Tice of Elba and Mrs. Vivian Randolph and the late Mr. George Randolph of Tusculuma, Ala.

The groom is the son of Mr. Sherry Treptau and Mr. Martin Treptau, both of Pell City, Ala. He is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Treptau and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sears, all of Pell City, Ala. His great-grandmother is Mrs. Jewell Mitchell of Roanoke, Ala.

After a honeymoon cruise to Cozumel, Caba, and Montego Bay, the couple resides in Pell City.

Pilot Club Christmas Tour of Homes planned for Sunday, Dec. 12

The Pilot Club of Enterprise is hosting a Christmas Tour of Homes December 12, 1 p.m. The tour consists of five homes that will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season along with a very special silent and mini auctions throughout the afternoon at First United Methodist Church in Enterprise. Refreshments will be served at Miss Susie's in Enterprise.

Tickets are on sale for \$7.50 in advance at Alabama Trophy & Gift, Merle Norman Cosmetics, or from any Pilot Club member. Ticket will be on sale for \$10.00 the day of the tour and only available at Miss Susie's downtown Enterprise. For more information or tickets, contact Pat Fleming 393-2452.

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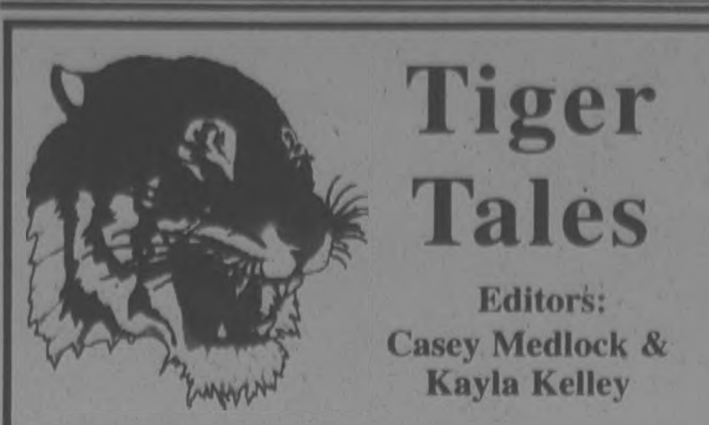
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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
Kayla Kelley

Elba High School Concert Band preparing for Dec. 14th concert

by Jennifer Grisett

The Marching Tiger Band ended its season on a good note, but now is not the time to sit back and relax because the Elba concert band is back in action.

The band performed Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center in Dothan, Ala. The musical selections included: A Childhood Hymn, An American Christmas, The Saint's Hallelujah, Jingle Bells in Dixie, A Christmas Canon, What Child is This, and ended with America the Beautiful. The concert was a big success, and an excellent way to kick off the concert season.

There will be another concert for the public at the Elba High School auditorium on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

Expectations are high but the pressure to succeed is even higher. With almost all of last year's team returning, the pressure put on the shoulders of the players is overwhelming. Can the Elba Tigers live up to the



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Gale Olson)...2+2=...

Students participate in '04 Math-A-Thon

by Casey Medlock

On October 15, 2004, the annual Math-A-Thon was kicked off at EES.

Students had to get sponsors who would pay a certain amount of money for each math problem they completed out of approximately 200 problems. Each child could win prizes for the amount of money they earned.

The total amount raised this year was \$1,016.91, and the three top sellers were Tamera Burks with \$94, Mikael Johnson with \$92, and Brooke Weeks with \$79. All the money raised

will go to the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, known for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. This hospital never charges families for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay, which is why this fundraiser was so important. With these students' hard work, the money they earned might help save a child's life. This Math-A-Thon was definitely a success, thanks to the children and their sponsors.



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION FOR EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION FACILITY AND POSSIBLE IMPACT TO WETLANDS.

The USDA, Rural Development has been requested to do an environmental assessment in connection with a REDL application sponsored by the Covington Electric Cooperative, Andalusia, Alabama for Kelley Foods, Inc., Coffee County, Alabama. The purpose of the project is to expand the production facility. The specific elements of this proposed action include the construction of a 10,780 square foot expansion for production purposes.

If implemented, the proposed action would directly or indirectly impact the wetlands in the following described areas:

The SW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 19 East in Coffee County, Alabama, LESS AND EXCEPT, 8 acres on the South side of said forty. Containing, in the aggregate, 32 acres more or less.

ALSO all that part of the NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 19 East, lying South of the paved Packing House Road, as the same is presently located, containing 4 acres, more or less.

ALSO, all that part of a parcel of land described as 2 acres in the Northwest corner of the SE1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 19 East, which lies South of the paved Packing House Road, as the same is presently located.

The lands described hereinabove contain, in the aggregate, 38 acres, more or less.

Wetlands are located on approximately four acres along Eastern side of property and approximately one acre in Northern area of property which contains a three-cell sewage lagoon system. Neither of the wetland areas would be disturbed by this project.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this impact and to request comments concerning (1) the impacts of the proposed areas on wetlands, (2) alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts and (3) methods that could be used to reduce these impacts.

The proposed action is available for review at the following USDA - Rural Development Office: 205 West Adams Street, Dothan, Alabama 36303.

Any person interested in commenting on the proposed action may do so by sending such comments within 30 days following the date of this publication to: Rural Development Area Manager, USDA - Rural Development, 205 West Adams Street, Dothan, Alabama 36303.

Elba Varsity Boys Basketball team wins tournament title

by Duke Carr

It is basketball season once again and the Tigers are on the prowl. Looking to avenge their past efforts, the Tigers are out to make their mark as one of the basketball elite.

With only one senior and 11 juniors the Tigers will have to rely on the leadership of their backcourt players, Mason Gullett, LaRay Williams and Brandon Kelley to provide the leadership they will need to succeed.

Expectations are high but the pressure to succeed is even higher. With almost all of last year's team returning, the pressure put on the shoulders of the players is overwhelming. Can the Elba Tigers live up to the

hype?

With only one week of practice, the Elba boys opened their season in the New Brockton Thanksgiving Tournament.

After a slow start the Tigers posted three wins, including a triple overtime thriller, to bring home the first place trophy. They posted wins over Kingston, Highland Home and Headland. With three opening wins and a first place trophy already under their belt, can the Tigers continue to win and become a major contender in the Class 2A rankings? Junior point guard Mason Gullett thinks so.

"I think that we will have a good season and most of our players have been playing since 9th grade," stated Gullett. "We know what to expect of each



Varsity boys after the Thanksgiving Tournament

other and we know each other's capabilities."

The Tigers are out for revenge

and will allow no one to stand in their way. Beware, the Tigers are out of their cage!!

Elba Lady Tigers open basketball season at tourney

by Whitney Lawford

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the annual New Brockton Thanksgiving basketball tournament on Nov. 22, 2004. The team competed against the Samson Lady Tigers.

The Lady Tigers worked hard to win but just could not pull through for the victory. After the devastating loss, the Tigers dedicated themselves to working hard to have a winning season. Each player is looking forward to the upcoming season.

Good Luck Elba Lady Tigers!!!

EHS Student Spotlight

by Stephanie Corder

This week's student spotlight is Will Gray. He is the 14-year-old son of Matt and Mary Gray. Will is an active member in FFA, SGA, the Marching Tiger Band and the concert band. He is also active in his church Christian Rock Band.

Will enjoys playing the guitar, singing, four wheeler riding, hunting and just hanging with the boys. He is undecided about which college he is going to attend but wants to pursue a music major and receive an accounting degree.

When asked how he would describe himself, he replied, "I just have red curly hair."



Will Gray

Congratulations, Will, on being this week's student spotlight.

Elba High Juniors write personal poems

by Gale Olson

Mrs. Kathy Patten's 11th grade advanced English class was assigned to write a poem of his or her life as if they had died today. Each student's task was to write a poem that would describe his or her life as if the reader never knew them.

The poem's intention was to reveal something personal about the student.

All students at first were dreading the activity, but in the end enjoyed writing it. It also helped the students realize things about themselves and that he or she is not alone in how they feel. All the students discussed their feelings as a class and it turned into a memorable activity for all.

Out of the 33 students, two chose to publish their work.

by Shawanna Wright
My body was like a piece of glass. The Reflection was exposed and I was no longer handled fragile. Soon fragments of my body were everywhere. Everyone had a piece, judging me by what they saw. The fingerprints of others stained my glass, which was once immaculate. My box labeled "Fragile"

me, they continued to mold me into a perfect. As I wandered, through this emotional journey called life, I witnessed my body, my sacred temple, wear away due to the pressure from my surroundings. There was no being myself, it was always be who others wanted me to be. Never once could I let my light shine. Others were always there to own up to my glories. Thinking that by slipping me into this human being who wasn't real would make my life success. Day by day I tried to fight the pain I was feeling inside. It seemed to always overtake me due to my shallowness. Finally, my body could endure no more. My time on Earth had come to an end.

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now was a blank box that meant nothing.

Before I could become whole again. The fingerprints on my glass made me feel impure.

But the more and more I scrubbed to wipe of the stains off. The harder it was to remove them the fragments were now smaller pieces. More of me was shattered. I was using the wrong materials to get rid of the fingerprints. When I should have mended, I realized there was one piece keeping me from moving forward.

It was the most important piece. The piece that made me complete. I knew where to find it, but instead I let it be. I know that the person that had it was the one that saw my true reflection. Although I have moved on, a piece of me is still with him. But I know wherever that missing part of me, it is loved and cherished.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Cameron Irwin



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Lyndsay Lawford. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Harold Wayne and Betty Lawford, who are the owners of Ace Hardware, her place of employment.

Lyndsay has been helping her parents at the store since 1994 and now mainly works the cash register. She enjoys her job and it is also a great time for her family to work together.

She is very involved at Elba High School and also maintains an A average. She is a member of Senior Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Reporter of the Student Government, and is an EHS Ambassador. Lyndsay is on the volleyball team and is a varsity cheerleader. She is also the reigning Miss Elba.

Lyndsay plans to attend Auburn University and become a pediatrician. She is a very outgoing young lady and is deserving of this week's co-op spotlight.

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NEWS**
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Students attend Sunbelt AG Expo

During the latter part of October Mr. John McCrory, agri-business instructor at Zion Chapel, took several of the junior and senior students on a field trip to Moultrie, Georgia, to tour the 2004 Sunbelt AG Expo.

To prepare his students for the ultimate learning experience, Mr. McCrory assigned several sites for required visits. For instance, students had to visit sites dedicated to battery sources, woodworking, and tractor exhibitions. They also had to visit a site that was all about the growing of cotton and its uses. Another required site to visit was the exhibition of Valdosta State University.

However, the required visits did not limit the students in what they got to see at the Expo. John Deere, Ford, Yamaha, Honda, Toyota, and Dodge all had exhibitions. There were exhibitions from producers of four-wheelers, cookie makers, products made from peanuts, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and exhibitions from all aspects of home life. There were water exhibits from companies that produce bottled water.

Food products to choose from included hotdogs, funnel cakes, and slushies—among other foods that were available. In fact, the food selections were almost as varied as were the exhibitions.

The group left Zion Chapel at 5 a.m. and returned home just in time for the homecoming pep rally and bonfire.



REBEL BUDDIES...An "end-of-season" pizza party for first-graders and their Rebel football buddies was a recent afternoon event. The football players have been reading with and to first graders every Thursday afternoon since the football season began. Everyone declared the event a success. Mr. Harry Lees is head football coach. The first grade teachers are Mrs. Shasta Arnett, Mrs. Kelly Cobb, and Mrs. Lisa Smith.

Sixth graders perform during November PTO meeting

Members of Zion Chapel's sixth grade prepared two plays and some musical selections for the entertainment of their parents and other guests who attended the November meeting of the Zion Chapel PTO.

These sixth grade thespians were under the direction of Verna Mozzo and Christina Kirkland. The first play, was called "Shut Up" and it was about a little girl named Shut Up and her little dog, Trouble, who have some trouble that leads to very comedic situations on their first day of school.

The second play, "Thanksgiving 2004/1887", was about a modern day group of preteens who stumble upon a journal written by some preteens in 1887. These preteens soon realize how lucky they are and how much they have for which to be thankful.

Members of the sixth grade who are also members of the band played several selections and ended with "Jingle Bells." They were directed by Amanda Corbett who is Zion Chapel's band director.

Coffee County Schools Menu Dec. 13-17, 2004

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pan Cake Pops, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Ham & Cheese Croissant, Turkey Sandwich, California Veggies, Breaded Okra, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Burrito, Corn Dog, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Ham, Turkey, Dressing w/ Cranberry Sauce, Yams, Green Beans, Rolls, Sugar Cookie, Orange Slices, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Sausage Pizza, Chicken Sandwich, Dill Spear, Tator Tots, English Peas, Fruit, Milk
Friday - No Lunch Served

73 students enroll in Extended Day program

Thirty-one seventh and eighth graders and forty-two fourth, fifth, and sixth graders have enrolled in the Zion Chapel Community Learning Center's Extended Day Program.

The goals of the program are to provide opportunities for quality enrichment, remedial and tutorial services, to provide quality enrichment classes in the areas of music, dance, art, and nutrition which will strengthen students instructionally, allowing for creative lifestyle choice, and to offer families and students opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Students spend the first hour completing homework and getting help on problem areas, especially math competencies. The second hour is spent in a variety of ways. AIM presents a program on a regular basis and there are bi-monthly 4-H Club meetings. Music, art, dance, and computer classes meet on alternate afternoons and other types of classes are planned for the future.

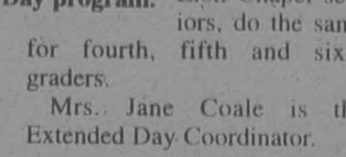
The Extended Day begins with an afternoon snack and ends with physical activity, usually basketball, which is the favorite of the seventh and eighth graders.

With so many students to keep track of there are three student aides who work in the program. Lee Boutwell, a college student and graduate of Zion Chapel, keeps up with attendance and check-out for the seventh and eighth graders. A parent or other authorized person must sign a student out each night. Roy King and Clay Lewis, Zion Chapel seniors, do the same for fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Mrs. Jane Coale is the Extended Day Coordinator.



Lay-la Hussey gets an after-school snack before going to her first class of the afternoon. She is a member of the group who attends class in the Extended Day program.



Lee Boutwell



Roy King



Clay Lewis



Mrs. Jane Coale, extended day coordinator

FBLA members plan, recruit and prepare during November meeting

Planning a banquet, recruiting professional members, planning an additional fund raising event, and preparing for a job shadowing activity were the main items on the agenda at the November meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

President Michael Sneed called the meeting to order.

Secretary Melanie Perry called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer Roy King reported that the selling the gift items

from A+ Sales had netted a profit of approximately \$800. Several suggestions were made about an additional activity to raise money that included a talent show, a womanless beauty pageant, and an FBLA workday.

The motion to have an additional activity was laid on the table for future action.

President Sneed appointed a committee to plan a banquet possibly to be held in January. Members of the committee are the executive committee that

includes all of the officers. Twelve professional members have been recruited to date. Professional members can be an additional activity to former FBLA members, advisers, parents, other relatives, friends of FBLA, former PBL members, or anyone who is interested in the activities of Future Business Leaders of America and the promotion of the organization.

The annual fee is \$23 and for that fee a person gets a membership card and the professional FBLA publication, THE PROFESSIONAL EDGE. Part of the \$23 fee comes back to Alabama and is deposited for the Alabama FBLA Foundation that finances scholarships each year. Recruitment of professional members is an ongoing activity.

Eleven junior and senior members of FBLA signed up to participate in the December Job Shadowing project. Members had the month of November to secure a place to job shadow and to turn in an application which required a parent signature and a signature from the person to be shadowed.

Jamie Wise, Rosanna Johnson, Lindsey Leverett, William McCurdy, Meta Gatlin, Jeremy Sanders, Donna Flowers, Heather Sanders, Keri Flowers, Melanie Perry and Shea Manning were the members who turned in applications for job shadowing by the deadline.

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Sgt. Mike DeSandro addresses the crowd with the ZC Rebel band in the background.

SPORTS

Views From....
THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We now have all the Christmas decorations up at the Mularz house and for the first time in years even Dad helped a little putting up the tree. I did my usual good deed of bringing in the boxes of decorations and untangling all the lights, and now the girls tell me it's time for me to head out and find some gifts to put under the tree. Let's see, with fifteen shopping days left I should be able to find at least a few gifts. Ho, ho, ho!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers were flying high after winning three straight games to bring home the championship trophy in a Thanksgiving tournament over in New Brockton, but crash landed last week at the beginning of the regular season and dropped three straight games as their record slipped to 3-3. While it is true the Tigers have always struggled to bring home wins from Zion Chapel, Opp and New Brockton, after the early success at the tournament even the most pessimistic Elba fan was convinced this was the year the Tigers would break out and be big winners. There is still plenty of time to pile up the wins. However, after last week now even the most optimistic Elba fan is predicting a long season filled with losses. Elba lost one of its leading scorers and its top rebounder prior to the Opp game due to disciplinary problems, and since have seen another starter quit the team along with two reserves. Okay, the Tigers have some obvious problems and may no longer be one of the top teams in the area, but they still have very talented players and I expect the players to pull things back together and bounce back as the season rolls along.

*** Zion Chapel already has three wins under its belt and both Kinston and New Brockton have two wins to show in early-season action, which means maybe the county schools will give their fans more to cheer about than many originally thought. The Rebels have already claimed two wins over New Brockton and one over Elba to open the season with a bang, while New Brockton posted wins last week over Arton and Elba to hang two big wins on their poster and Kinston added a win over Zion Chapel last week for its second win of the season. It is way to early to get too excited about a couple of wins, but for the fans in the county it does give them something to look forward to on these long, cool nights.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs ran into an offensive machine last week in Sweet Water and were eliminated from the playoffs with a 34-20 loss to the Bulldogs from Marengo County. Prior to the game I was worried that perhaps the Brantley offense had hit a lull and would not be at full speed in the semifinal match-up, but never in my wildest dreams did I expect the defense to struggle and give up five touchdowns and over four-hundred yards in total offense. The Bulldogs had played five straight tough games in wins over Arton, Luverne, A.L. Johnson, Reelflow and American Christian and had to take a long road trip for the second straight week, but there could be no excuses after the game Friday night because on that night Sweet Water was just the better team. The Bulldogs have now posted a 25-2 record over the past two seasons and kept Brantley on the map as one of the top 14 football programs in the state. With the hard work and dedication that is such a big part of the program at Brantley, there can be no doubt another state title cannot be far away.

*** Last week's high school playoffs were filled with big games in all classes and there were a couple of surprises in all six classifications. Undeclared Brantley fell to Sweet Water in the biggest surprise in the 1A ranks, while Woodland getting past Clay County in 2A was a shock, TR Miller falling to Onecoma in 3A was the biggest surprise of the week, Demopolis barreling over UMS-Wright was somewhat of a surprise in 4A, Stanhope Elmore giving up a bunch of points was a surprise in the 5A circles and Prattville beating Carver by thirty points was a big surprise in 6A. After fifteen weeks of play there really are no surprises, but these did surprise me.

*** Auburn struggled at times in its SEC title game against Tennessee and despite being 12-0 really doesn't have that big a gripe about being left out of the national title contest in the Orange Bowl. The Tigers needed some big wins to jump past the top two teams in the polls, but closed out the season with less than spectacular wins over Alabama and Tennessee, and now will be left to proclaim themselves national champs if they can close out a 13-0 season with a win in the Sugar Bowl. It has been quite a season for the Tigers and their faithful and there is little doubt here Auburn would have a real chance to defeat both Southern Cal and Oklahoma if given the chance. Unfortunately, a couple of easy wins over cupcake opponents may have cost the Tigers that chance.

*** In closing, Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by early over the weekend and left this week's playoff picks. The local guesspost seemed a little bored with the process after some fourth round upsets, but after posting a 9-3 record last week and pushing his season totals to 267-57, he did agree to close out the season with his "Super Six" picks. Here goes: (1A) Hubbard County 24 Sweet Water 13, (2A) Leroy 15 Woodland 6, (3A) Onecoma 21 Winfield 17, (4A) Demopolis 33 Deshler 13, (5A) Homewood 27 Russellville 14 and (6A) Hoover 17 Prattville 16.

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Tigers take a tumble

The Elba Tigers hit the court three times last week in regular season action and took a tumble in all three games as their record slipped to 3-3 on the season.

The Tigers opened the week's play on Monday night in Zion Chapel and dropped a 76-65 decision, traveled to Opp on Thursday night and were pounded 62-37 and then on Friday night made the short trip over to New Brockton and lost 63-45.

Following are highlights of all three games:

Z.C. 76

ELBA 45

The Elba Tigers traveled to Zion Chapel last Monday night and suffered their first loss of the season as the Rebels pulled away late to cage the Tigers 76-65.

Elba owned an early 13-12 lead thanks to a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley, but saw the Rebels rally in the second stanza and led by the scoring of Abe Childs watched as Zion Chapel pulled out to a 32-28 halftime advantage. LaRay Williams scored 7 points in the third quarter to spark an Elba rally that enabled the Tigers to pull within 50-49. However, the Rebels regained command down the stretch and rode the hot hand of Josh Smith to pull away and claim the 76-65 win.

Mason Gulley scored 20 points to lead Elba and LaRay Williams added 17, while Abe Childs poured in 31 points to spark the Rebels and Josh Smith tossed in 28.

Z.C. 12 21 17 26 - 76

EL 13 15 21 16 - 65

Z.C. (76): Taylor 5, A. Smith 11, J. Smith 28, Childs 31, Wise 1.

Elba (65): Gulley 20, Williams 17, Kelley 8, Abbott 5, Carr 3, Logan 8, Stoudemire 4.

Opp 62
ELBA 37

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never threatened Thursday night as they fell to the Opp Bobcats 62-37. In Opp, Opp came out on fire and raced out to an early 10-0 lead.

Brantley even record at 2-2

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed two wins in three games last week to even their record at 2-2 in early-season basketball action.

The Lady Tigers opened the week at Zion Chapel and claimed a 46-30 win over the Lady Rebels, then dropped a 43-29 decision to the Opp Lady Bobcats before rallying late in the week to defeat New Brockton 53-32.

Following are highlights of all three games:

ELBA 46

Z.C. 30

The Elba Lady Tigers grabbed their first win of the season last Monday night by downing the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 46-30, at Zion Chapel. The Lady Tigers used the early scoring of Whitney Lawford to jump out to an 8-5 first quarter advantage, but found the Lady Rebels to be anything but a willing victim as they carried a slim 28-26 lead into the fourth quarter. Elba finally took command in the final stanza and used the play of LaFondra Thigpen as a spark as the Lady Tigers pulled away and posted the 46-30 win.

Whitney Lawford scored 12 points and Ashleigh Waddall and Yolanda Reynolds both added 10 to lead Elba, while Inessa Wambles scored 14 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba (46): Thigpen 9, Waddall 10, Lawford 12, Baley 2, Reynolds 10, Magwood 2, Wood 1.

Z.C. (30): McLendon 4, Taylor 8, Hobbs 2, Wambles 14, Lewis 2.

Opp 43
ELBA 29

The Elba Lady Tigers lost their slim lead early in the third stanza and could never catch up as the Opp Lady Bobcats posted a 43-29 win. Thursday night at Opp, the Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 5-4 lead on a three-pointer by LaFondra Thigpen, but watched as Opp pulled ahead 11-9 late in the

over the Tigers, and used a 10-0 run midway through the second stanza to open up a lopsided 26-8 advantage. Elba connected on four three-pointers in the third quarter to rally and cut the Bobcat lead to 42-30 and trailed only 44-34 with 6:26 remaining in the game, only to see the Bobcats close the game with an 18-3 run to post the big 62-37 win.

Brandon Kelley scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Emanuel Lane scored 14 points and Torshawn Brooks added 13.

OPP 16 18 8 20 - 62

ELBA 5 12 13 7 - 37

Opp (62): Edwards 4, Banks 5, Tyson 9, Lane 14, Nawlin 2, Stephens 7, Smith 8, Brooks 13.

Elba (37): Gulley 3, Williams 6, Kelley 13, Abbott 6, Carr 5, Burks 2, Rogers 2.

N.B. 63
ELBA 45

The Elba Tigers closed out a disappointing week with another disappointing loss as they fell to the New Brockton Gamecocks 63-45, Friday night in New Brockton.

The Tigers couldn't find the basket in the early going and fell behind 21-5 after one quarter of play, but bounced back in the second quarter and led by the three-point shooting of Brandon Kelley rallied to sneak ahead 26-24 midway through the stanza. The Gamecocks regained command late in the quarter to take a 37-26 halftime advantage, then slowly pulled away to defeat Elba 63-45.

Brandon Kelley scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Brett Parrish scored 28 points, and Dee Finley added 25 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks.

N.B. 21 16 14 12 - 63

ELBA 5 21 10 9 - 45

N.B. (63): Parrish 28, Andrews 4, Johnson 4, Finley 25, Foster 2.

Elba (45): Gulley 6, Williams 8, Kelley 14, Abbott 8, Rogers 5, Miller 3.

stanza and then upped its lead to 17-13 midway through the second quarter. Elba rallied late in the quarter and grabbed a 20-19 lead early in the third quarter on a three-pointer by LaKisha Tyson, but the Lady Bobcats used an 8-0 run late in the quarter to take a 29-22 lead and then took command in the final stanza to pull away and claim the 43-29 win.

Ashleigh Waddall and LaFondra Thigpen both scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Ashley Mock scored 18 to lead Opp.

Opp (43): Mock 18, Henderson 4, Foster 2, Rhymes 2, Wood 11, Musgrove 6.

Elba (29): Tyson 5, Waddall 8, Thigpen 8, Lawford 6, Reynolds 2.

ELBA 53

N.B. 32

The Elba Lady Tigers used a big second quarter to pull ahead and never looked back as they rolled to an easy 53-32 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, Friday night in New Brockton. The Lady Tigers trailed 8-7 after one quarter of play, but outscored the Lady Gamecocks 24-4 in the second stanza to grab a 31-19 halftime advantage and then opened up a 51-18 lead in the third quarter before coasting in with the easy win.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 19 points and Yolanda Reynolds added 10 to lead Elba, while Maressa Loman scored 7 points for New Brockton.

Elba (53): Tyson 8, Waddall 5, Thigpen 19, Lawford 5, Reynolds 10, Carpenter 2, Brunson 4.

N.B. (32): Marshall 1, Grimes 4, Eaton 6, Hutcherson 2, Lagress 2, Duell 4, Brantley 6, Loman 7.

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Elba Tiger Mason Gulley (3) drives in for a lay-up during recent basketball action. Gulley scored 20 points in a loss last week to Zion Chapel.

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Elba Lady Tiger Ashleigh Waddall (32) pulls down a rebound in a recent basketball game. Waddall scored 10 points in Elba's win over Zion Chapel.

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SPORTS

Brantley falls in semi's**DOGGONE IT!**

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The Brantley Bulldogs saw their quest for the 2004 state football championship end Friday night as the Sweet Water Bulldogs rolled up 426 yards in total offense to roll to a surprising 34-20 semifinal win over the visiting Bulldogs from Crenshaw County.

Brantley took the opening kickoff and immediately began a march toward the Sweet Water endzone as on the second play of the game Edgar Walker connected with Antwan Foster for a 44 yard gain that set the Bulldogs up at the Sweet Water 24-yardline. An apparent 12-yard touchdown pass was wiped out by an offensive pass interference penalty, and the early scoring threat ended moments later when on fourth down a Walker pass to Lance Myers gained 23 yards, but fell inches short of the first down marker at the Sweet Water 2-yardline.

Sweet Water needed only 8 plays to race down the field and get on the scoreboard, with the touchdown coming on a 41-yard pass from Deon Williams to Drew Luker. Phillip Scheide kicked the extra-point and with 5:19 remaining in the first quarter Sweet Water was on top 7-0.

On its next possession Sweet Water again reached the Brantley endzone as this time the hometown Bulldogs drove 71 yards in 11 plays to aurt their early lead. Dominic Holt scored the touchdown on a 6-yard burst up the middle and Scheide again added the extra-point as Sweet Water moved on top 14-0 with 8:20 left in the second quarter.

Brantley bounced right back following the second Sweet Water score and marched 68 yards in 12 plays to light up its side of the scoreboard. A 17-yard pass from Edgar Walker to Zack Kilcrease on third down was a key play in the long scoring drive, while Devaris Skanes scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run around the right end. The extra-point failed, but with 1:34 left in the half Brantley was on the board and had cut the Sweet Water lead to 14-6.

Sweet Water received the second half kick and wasted little time adding to its advantage as it caught Brantley in a blitz and spring Anthony Landrum loose on a 63-yard touchdown dash. The extra-point failed, but with 10:33 left in the third quarter Sweet Water was back in command with a 20-6 lead.

Landrum got back in the endzone again on Sweet Water's next possession by capping a 10-play, 63-yard drive with an 18-yard touchdown run. Scheide booted the extra-point and with 4:14 remaining in the third quarter the Sweet Water lead had grown to 27-6.

Sweet Water found the endzone for the final time of the night on its next possession as it marched 65 yards in 8 plays. Dominic Holt went the final 11 yards for the touchdown and Scheide added the extra-point as Sweet Water opened up a shocking 34-6 lead with 9:50 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Brantley offense came to life on its ensuing possession as the Bulldogs drove 67 yards in 9 plays to get back on the scoreboard. Edgar Walker hit Lance Myers in the right flats with a 12-yard scoring pass, while Zack Kilcrease connected with Shane Corley on the two-point conversion as Brantley cut the lead to 34-14 with 6:40 remaining on the clock.

Lance Myers came up with another big play on the ensuing kick-off when he recovered an on-sides kick at the Sweet Water 40-yard-line, and the Bulldogs again headed down the field to cut into the Sweet Water lead. Devaris Skanes gained 8 yards on the drive's initial play, while the Bulldogs then went to the air and rode the arm of Edgar Walker to reach the endzone. Walker hit Shane Corley for 12 yards, connected with Lance Myers for a 15-yard gain and then hooked up with Devaris Skanes on a 5-yard touchdown toss. A two-point pass missed its mark, however, and with 5:34 remaining in the game Brantley had pulled within 34-20.

Brantley recovered another on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff, but the kick failed to go the needed ten yards, as Sweet Water put the ball in play at the Brantley 48-yardline. Sweet Water was content to simply run out the clock and did just that as it marched down the field and kept the clock running to give the hometown "Dogs" the 34-20 win and a ticket to the state finals this week in Hoover.

The loss left Brantley with a final record of 13-1, which was amazing as a team that was expected to be in a rebuilding year proved once again what a "TEAM" could accomplish!

Devaris Skanes gained 84 yards on 17 carries to lead the Bulldogs on the ground, while Josh Burnett added 40 yards on 5 carries. Anthony Landrum gained 222 yards on 22 carries to lead Sweet Water.

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Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) clutches a pass as he falls into the endzone for a Bulldog touchdown. The Bulldogs ended their season last week with a 34-20 loss to Sweet Water in the semifinals of the 1A football playoffs. Also pictured is teammate Lance Myers (7).



Brantley's Edgar Walker (8) ignores heavy pressure to get off a pass in last week's playoff loss to Sweet Water. The Bulldog quarterback completed 14 of 18 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns in the semifinal round of the playoffs.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL BRIEFS****VARSITY BOYS****Zion Chapel ripped by Luverne Tigers 78-39**

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled the Luverne Tigers last Tuesday night and came out on the short end of a lopsided 78-39 decision. Austin Smith scored 14 points to lead the Rebels, while Gary Franklin scored 23 points to lead the Tigers and Macklin Burnett added 11.

New Brockton Gamecocks claw 'Cats 53-36

The New Brockton Gamecocks got into the win column last Tuesday night by edging the Arton Purple Cats 53-36, in Arton. Brett Parrish scored 25 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Dee Finley added 11 points and Rashad Andrews pulled down 12 rebounds.

Zion Chapel Rebels cage Gamecocks 51-46

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their early-season mastery over their neighbors from New Brockton Thursday night by claiming a 51-46 win over the Gamecocks. Luke Taylor scored 20 points to lead the Rebels, while Abe Childs added 12 and Josh Smith scored 11. Brett Parrish scored 12 points to lead New Brockton and Rashad Andrews added 10.

Bulldogs squeak past Zion Chapel 49-48

The Kinston Bulldogs posted their second win of the young season Friday night by edging the Zion Chapel Rebels 49-48. Billy Johnson scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Ramsey Phillips added 11 points and Joseph McCrummen pulled down 9 rebounds. Josh Smith scored 14 points and Abe Childs added 12 to

**Elba JV Tigers open season with
two wins in three outings**

The Elba Tiger junior varsity opened its season last week and claimed two wins in three outings to end the week with a 2-1 slate.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 47
Z.C. 26

The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat Zion Chapel 47-26, last Monday afternoon in Zion Chapel. The Tigers jumped out to a big 17-4 lead in the opening stanza and never looked back as they rolled to the easy win. Jimmy Morris' and Antwon Tillis both scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Timmy Gedding scored 11 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba (47): Willis 2, Hammonds 2, Butts 9, Reynolds 2, Morris 12, Tillis 12, Martin 5, Z.C. (26): Carnley 5, Gedding 11, Simmons 7, Lambert 2, Mount 1.

OPP 37
ELBA 34

The Elba JV Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to force overtime, but couldn't keep up the pace in the extra period as they fell to the Opp Bobcats 37-34, Thursday afternoon in Opp. The Tigers owned a 5-2 lead after one quarter, but saw Opp settle down and open up a 21-17 advantage in the third quarter and then had to rally late to tie the game at 30-30 to force overtime. Elba was outscored 8-4 in the extra period and lost 38-34. Jimmy Morris and Antwon Tillis both scored

**Former Elba Tiger standout Stan
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Former Elba Tiger two-sport star Stan Sauls turned in his soccer shoes at Enterprise High School this season to take over the junior high athletic program at Dauphin Junior High, in Enterprise, and under his leadership the Dolphins have enjoyed success on the football field as well as the basketball court.

Coach Sauls led the Dolphins to an undefeated 6-0 record in football during the 2004 season and to their first "city championship" in five years, while in basketball Coach Sauls has continued to lead the Dolphins to victories and last week the Dolphins defeated Dohar for the first time in eight years to up their record to 7-2.

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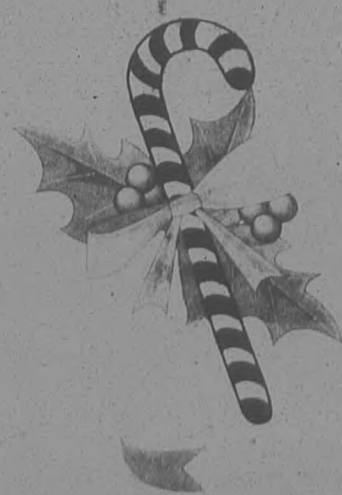
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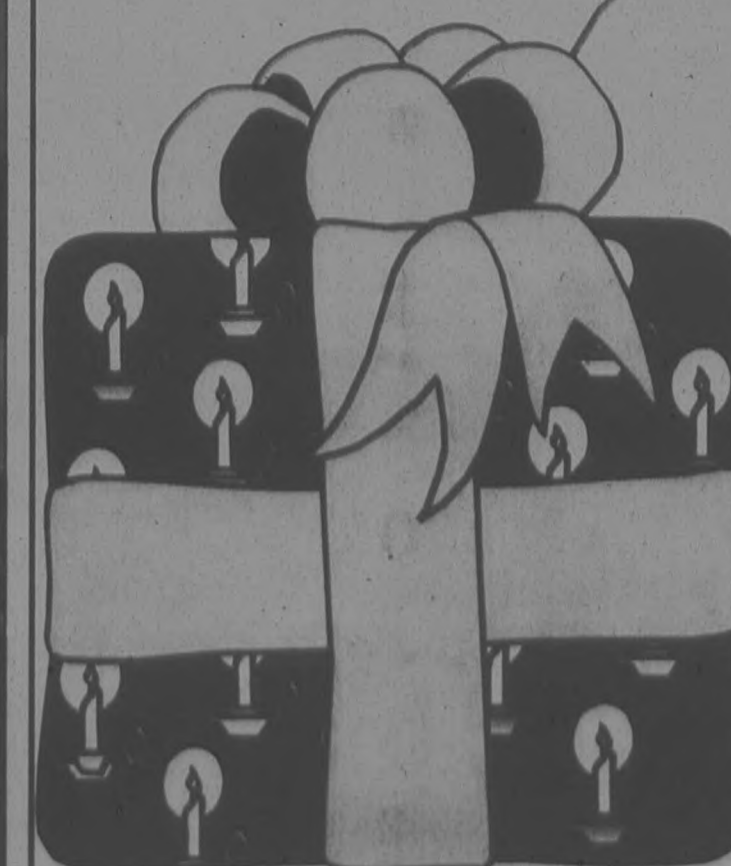
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YOUTH NATURE CRAFT WINNERS...The Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System sponsored a Nature Crafts contest Monday, Dec. 6, in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. There were two divisions for this contest - youth and adult. In the youth division, first and third place honors went to Amber Barnett (right). Barnett received first place for her log cabin (\$10 prize) and third place for her waxed pine cone (\$3 prize). Second place honors went to Whitney Mills (left) for her birdhouse (\$5 prize).



ADULT NATURE CRAFT WINNERS...The Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System sponsored a Nature Crafts contest Monday, Dec. 6, in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. There were two divisions for this contest - youth and adult. In the adult division, first place honors went to Jennine Kelley (right) for her pine straw baskets (\$25 prize). Second and third place honors went to Ruthann Newsome (left). Newsome received second place for her leaf gourd (\$15 prize) and third place for her apple gourd (\$10 prize).

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Local breast cancer advocate participates in Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund Conference



Lucille Latham

Lucille Latham of Enterprise attended the annual Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund Conference, this year held in Washington, DC on November 15-17. The 2004 conference focused on "Building Successful Community Partnerships," and brought together for three days nearly 200 representatives from the national network of breast cancer organizations and institutions, funded by the Avon Foundation. Included among the attendees were representatives of community-based organizations, public hospitals and leading cancer centers that support the medically underserved. The objective of the annual conference was to facilitate collaboration and exchange of information and knowledge among these many

organizations to enhance their services they provide in towns and cities nationwide.

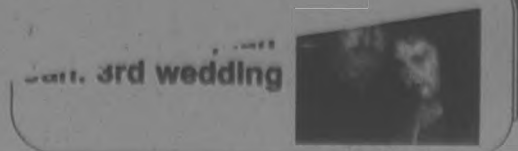
Latham is the community educator of Coffee County Family Services Center located in Enterprise. The mission of the organization is to assist Coffee County families with issues of health, education and stability. Latham's breast cancer education program provides education and resources for women throughout the region for breast cancer and other women's health issues. Through this program, she not only educates women as to the importance of early detection of breast cancer but she also provides access to low-cost or no-cost services through the Alabama Department of Public Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program for low-income women. The Avon Foundation has provided more than \$217,000 in funding to Coffee County Family Services Center since 2001 for education about breast cancer and accessibility to care and treatment.

"This was my fifth time attending the Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund Conference, and it was a privilege to take part," said Latham. For more information on Coffee County Family Services Center, call 334-393-8538, or email: famservice@entercomp.com.



RECIPE CONTEST WINNERS...The Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System sponsored a Recipe contest Monday, Dec. 6, in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. Contestants prepared from recipe their favorite dish and brought it to the community room for judging. First place honors went to Larry Eddins (left) for his Chocolate Ganash (\$50 prize). Second place honors went to Patsy Bane (center) for her Fried Apple Tarts (\$25 prize), and third place honors went to Mary Donaldson (right) for her Turkey Twirls (\$15 prize). These three chefs, along with other recipe contestants, shared their dishes with a room full of tasters following the judging of entries.

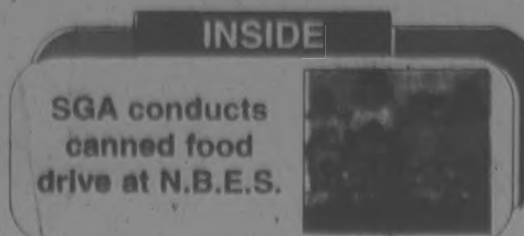
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Coffee County BOE holds short December meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education zoomed through its short agenda Thursday evening, Dec. 9, during the regular monthly meeting of the board.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram announced that Kinston School has been approved as an Alabama Reading Initiative School for the 2005-06 school term.

With this approval, she said the system will gain a reading initiative coach for the school, and she asked board members to

give her permission to go ahead and advertise for that position.

Although the superintendent said the position would not be a paid one until the 2005-06 school year, she said going ahead and filling the position might allow the person hired to get some valuable training.

Board members approved this request by a unanimous vote.

The only other matter needing approval by the board involved a personnel matter. Board members approved the hiring of Alisha Brooks as a part-time lunchroom worker at

Kinston School. This will be effective Jan. 4, 2005.

Ingram also took a few minutes to update board members on the various roofing projects at the schools.

At Kinston, she said shingles were on site and someone has been hired to do the work. She said she hopes to order shingles for Zion Chapel very soon.

As for the New Brockton vocational building, Ingram said she hoped to present more information to board members at the January 2005 meeting regarding a metal sloped roof.



Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill (left) handled the swearing-in duties of Coffee County Board of Education members Larry Eddins (red coat) and Jimmy Clark (green coat) last Thursday evening, Dec. 9, during the board's monthly meeting. Both Eddins and Clark were elected during November's general election to continue serving as board members. They were joined for the swearing-in ceremony by their wives, Sherry Eddins and Kaye Clark.

Coffee County Commission hears news of \$1.6 million industrial grant for businesses on County Road 404

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook announced Monday, Dec. 13, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission that a \$1.6 million industrial grant has been approved for County Road 404.

Westbrook said the announcement came from Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer that County Road 404 in Elba had been approved for the

grant to widen and install turning lanes on the access road for Kelley Foods of Alabama and Alabama River Chips Inc. She said the grant comes from the Alabama Industrial Access Authority, and should improve access to both these businesses.

Coffee County Extension Coordinator Stan Windham addressed commissioners Monday morning and invited them to an extension county advisory meeting Monday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Windham said a wide spacing of county residents and business people will be invited to the meeting. He said the goal is to receive input on things the extension office can do to improve its service to the county and its residents.

With the commission's next scheduled meeting coming after the Christmas holiday, each commissioner took time to extend best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to all county residents.

In other business, the commission:

- * Approved a request from county engineer Randy Tindell to begin paperwork for the closing of County Rd. 653. Tindell said residents on this road requested the county vacate it.
- * Approved a request from Tindell to allow commission chairman Doug Dalrymple to enter into agreement with Wayne Farms on County Rd. 114 to place a caution light in the vicinity of the business.
- * Approved a motion to allow a candlelight vigil on the grounds outside the Elba courthouse Thursday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. in honor of Jason Mitchell.
- * Approved a motion to allow a Martin Luther King Jr. March to be held at the Enterprise Courthouse Sunday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m.
- * Approved a motion made by Dalrymple to not allow anyone to sign his/her own check out of county funds.



ELBA FLOAT WINS FIRST PLACE...During a recent Enterprise City Council meeting, Miss Elba Lindsay Lawford accepted on behalf of the City of Elba the first place award in the non-profit division from the Enterprise Christmas Parade. The parade was held Tuesday evening, Nov. 30. The City of Elba float carried the local beauty queens, and it was sponsored by the New Season's Study Club. Lawford received the award from Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell (left) and Jay Beckwith (right). The float also was featured recently in the City of Elba Christmas Parade and Town of New Brockton Christmas Parade.

Kinston native crowned Miss Alabama Agriculture

April Dawn Hawthorne, a 20-year old Troy University student, was crowned Miss Alabama Agriculture during the closing session of the 83rd annual meeting of the Alabama Farmers Federation Dec. 6 in Mobile.

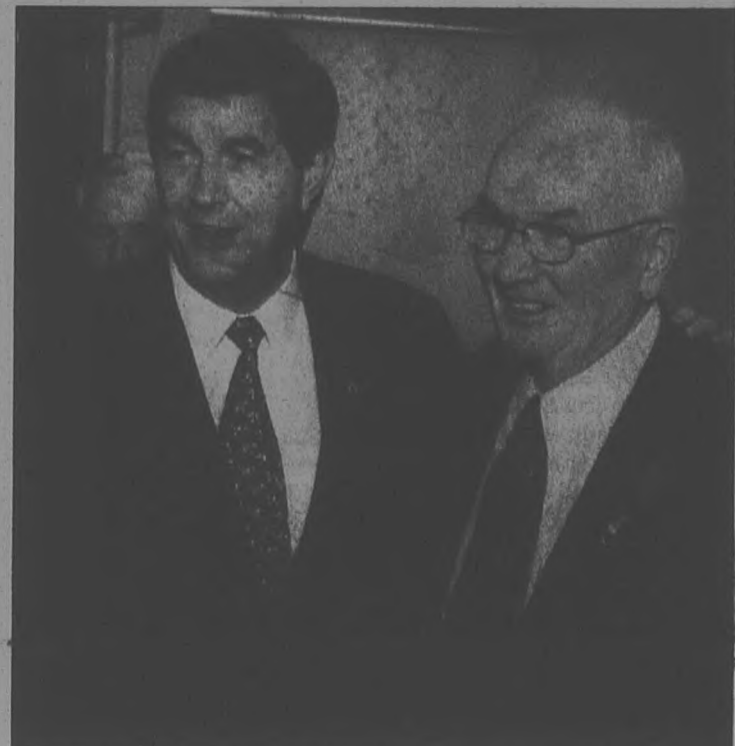
Miss Hawthorne, the daughter of Steve and Melody Hawthorne of Kinston, represented Pike County in the contest. As the winner, she received a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a 2005 Chevrolet TrailBlazer for the next year. Miss Hawthorne will represent Alia Farmers at a variety of events during the coming year where she will promote the

state's largest industry - agriculture. The pageant is sponsored by the Federation's Young Farmers Division.

The Federation's annual meeting was Dec. 5-6 in Mobile and attracted more than 2,000 farmers from throughout the state's 67 counties.



April Hawthorne of Pike County, center, was crowned Miss Alabama Agriculture Dec. 6 in Mobile. She is joined by her co-winners from left, First Alternate Margaret "Grace" Smith of Autauga County, Second Alternate Christina Vranich of Dale County, Third Alternate Anna Linley of Morgan County and Miss Congeniality Katlin Mulvaney of Lee County.



Alabama Governor Bob Riley (left) congratulates Dykes Rushing (right) on his retirement.

REMINDER

The fifth chapter of "Carols for Christmas" is located on Page 14 in this week's edition of The Elba Clipper.

Governor Bob Riley awards grant to assist low-income residents in Southeast Alabama

Governor Bob Riley has awarded \$77,503 to assist low-income residents in Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. The grant will be used to help eligible persons, families and the elderly meet the basic needs of living.

"This grant is important because it not only offers low-income families emergency assistance with life necessities," Riley said, "but also supports community action programs that help Alabamians attain the skills

needed to support themselves. Riley awarded the grant from funds the state receives through the Community Service Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The primary purpose of the program is to assist low-income families, to prevent suffering and hardship and to help individuals work toward self-sufficiency.

Riley has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community

Sarah Hamm places second in state's '05 Junior Miss scholarship program

Sarah Hamm, daughter of Mark and Margaret Hamm of Cullman, Ala., and granddaughter of Phillip and June Hamm of Elba, Ala., was named first runner-up in the 2005 Alabama Junior Miss program held last Saturday night at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery.

Hamm received a \$6,000 scholarship award for this honor, as well as a \$1,000 award for being a preliminary winner in the scholastics category.

She is a senior at Cullman High School and the 2005 Cullman County Junior Miss. Coffee County resident Hillary Davis of Enterprise was second runner-up in the event. She received a \$3,500 scholarship award.

The title of Alabama's Junior Miss for 2005 went to Jaye Herrod of Prattville. In addition to winning the \$12,000 state title scholarship and becoming eligible for several college-granted scholarships, she received a \$1,000 award for being a preliminary winner in the scholastics category and a

\$700 award for being a preliminary winner in the talent competition.

These young ladies were selected by a panel of five judges from a field of 58 high school seniors competing in the 48th annual Alabama's Junior Miss Scholarship program.

Burglaries tend to increase this time of year, and Whitworth said anyone noticing suspicious activity should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.



Sarah Hamm

Affairs to administer the grant. ADECA director John Harrison notified Peggy C. James, executive director of Human Resources Development Corporation, that the grant had been approved.

NOTICE

Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth warns local residents to take extra precautions during the holiday season to protect their homes and valuables.

Whitworth said his department recently has investigated some daytime burglaries of residences. He said residents should be sure to lock their homes and use alarm systems if in place. Also, he said residents should be aware of their surroundings.

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Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Also, the offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electricity, water, sewer or street. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be unchanged.

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